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**RESPONSE**

This letter is responsive to the Final Rejection issued February 8, 2005. Please  
amend the claims as follows: